# PROCEEDINGS
of
# THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

SECOND ASSEMBLY.

SIXTH SESSION 1940/1115.

*Tuesday the 23rd January 1940/10th Makaram 1115.*

The Assembly met again in the Legislative Chamber at eleven of the Clock, with Sachivothama Sir, C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar K. C. I. E. LL. D, the Dewan President presiding.

## NEW MEMBERS.

The following members took the oath and signed the rolls:

(1) Mr. A. Gopala Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*);

(2) Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*);

(3) Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan (*Ag. Excise Commissioner*):

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

*Arrest of Mr. Pattom Thanu Pillai, President, Travancore State Congress.*

26 *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state why Mr. Pattom Thanu Pillai, B. A., B. L., the President of the Travancore State Congress, is arrested and detained at present in the Nagercoil Civil Jail?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He has been proceeded against for disloyal and subversive activities both within and without the State.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know what those disloyal and subversive activities are?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: It is not in public interests to disclose that information.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know whether the political organisation to which Mr. Thanu Pillai belongs is a subversive one?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: That has already been answered on the floor of this House on several occasions.



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MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know when Mr. Thanu Pillai was arrested?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: On the 2nd November 1939.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know why Mr. Thanu Pillai has not been tried in a court of law?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: He has been arrested and detained under the Defence of Travancore Rules, passed under the Defence of Travancore Proclamation.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: My question is why he was not tried in a court of law.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The Government thought it necessary to take action under the Defence of Travancore Rules.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know whether it is a fact that the Nagercoil civil jail is overcrowded?

MR. M. K. NILALAKANTA AIYAR: No, Sir.

*Vacancy in the Senate of the Travancore University.*

27 * MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any seat in the Senate of the Travancore University has become vacant?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Travancore*): Yes, one.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: എല്ലാ പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട സമുദായങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും യൂണിവേർസിറ്റിയിലെ സെനറ്റിൽ മെമ്പറന്മാരായി നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: The composition of the Senate has not been examined on that basis.

PRESIDENT: I think the honourable member wants to know whether the possibility of nominating unrepresented communities will be considered.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: That is a suggestion for future action.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: യോഗ്യതയനുസരിച്ച് പിന്നോക്കസമുദായങ്ങളിൽനിന്നും ഒരാളെ യൂണിവേർസിറ്റിയിലെ സെനറ്റിൽ മെമ്പറായി നിയമിക്കണമെന്ന് ഗവണ്മെന്റിലേക്ക് ശുപാർശ ചെയ്യാൻ ഒരുങ്ങുകയോ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: It is not a question Sir, it is a suggestion for future action which will of course receive due consideration.

*Thatchu Sastra in the University.*

28 * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they or the University have received any representation regarding *Thatchu Sastra* being taught in the University; and

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